

United States District Court for the District of Columbia
Case. No. 1:13-CR-58 (ABJ)

EXHIBIT 2



June 18, 2013

The Honorable Amy Berman Jackson
United States District Court for the District of Columbia,
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Berman Jackson,

Thank you for accepting this brief letter on behalf of Jesse Jackson, Jr., whom I have known most all of my life as we are the exact same age.

While Mr. Jackson's actions cannot be condoned, they are inconsistent with the character of the public servant that I worked alongside for the betterment of our democracy through the uplifting of fellow citizens.

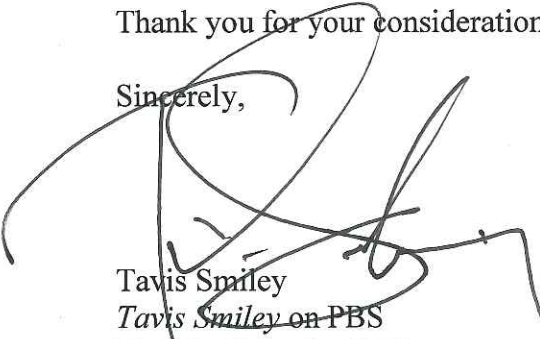
I am aware of his plea, which speaks to his ability to take responsibility for his actions which have disappointed so many people. When I recently spoke with Mr. Jackson, the first words out of his mouth were an acknowledgement and apology for letting me and so many others down. Clearly, he is both remorseful and repentant about his misdeeds.

I know that when this dark chapter of his life closes, he will get to work immediately trying to redeem the years lost in love and service to his family, friends, constituents, community and the nation at large.

I trust that you will consider a life well lived prior to this misjudgment, as you make your important ruling on sentencing in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,



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